

## Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee Meeting

**Date:** July 24, 2006

**Time:** Called to Order at 1:57 p.m. by Chairman Bullard

**Location:** Oswego County Building

### Attendance:

**Present:** Chairman Thomas Bullard, Vice Chair Clayton Brewer (arrived at 2:02 p.m.), Legislators James Bryant, Arthur Gearsbeck, Leonard Ponzi, Milferd Potter, Paul Santore

<b>Staff/Others Present:</b>	<b>Probation:</b>	Barbara Schuler
	<b>Sheriff's:</b>	Reuel Todd
	<b>Emergency Management:</b>	Patricia Egan
	<b>E-911:</b>	Michael Allen
	<b>Fire Coordinator:</b>	John Hinds
	<b>County Administrator:</b>	Stephen Lyman
	<b>Health Department:</b>	Kathleen Smith

### 1. Minutes:

**Motion:** To accept minutes of June 26, 2006, meeting.

**Made by:** Legislator Santore

**Seconded by:** Legislator Ponzi

**Discussion:** Legislator Bryant requested the minutes be amended to reflect the location of the July 24, 2006, meeting as being held at the Oswego County Building (not the Fulton County Building).

**Vote:** **All in favor. Motion carried.**

### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (presented by Sheriff Todd)

### 2. Employee Recognition

The Committee presented a certificate of appreciation to Deputy Robert Kite in recognition of his fifteen (15) years of service.

At this time, Chairman Bullard expressed his gratitude to Vice Chair Brewer for taking over while he was on vacation. He also thanked the Sheriff for submitting the requested information.

**PROBATION (presented by Director Schuler)**

**3. Budget Modification – Local Law Enforcement Block Grant**

**Motion:** To accept \$358 from the NYS Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives into revenue line 3141.4331.0 to cover the cost of full registration for one probation officer and two nights lodging for two probation officers to attend the Annual Probation Officers Association Conference being held in Albany in early August and to transfer these funds into expenditure line 3141.5445 (Other Travel Expenses).

**Made by:** Legislator Ponzi

**Seconded by:** Legislator Santore

**Vote:** **All in favor. Motion carried.** The motion will be forwarded to the Finance and Personnel Committee for review.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (presented by Patricia Egan)**

**4. Emergency Medical Services**

**Motion:** To concur with the proposal for the coordination of emergency medical services to be transferred from the Health Department to Emergency Management.

**Made by:** Legislator Santore

**Seconded by:** Legislator Gearsbeck

**Discussion:** A proposal was discussed regarding the transfer of the functional responsibilities of emergency medical services from the Health Department to Emergency Management. A meeting was held between Chairman Johnson, County Administrator Lyman, Emergency Management Director Egan and Health Department Director Smith regarding this proposal. A Memorandum of Understanding will be issued between the two departments, with the funding of these services continuing to filter through the Health Department. Per Director Egan, the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board is aware of and approves of this proposal. County Administrator Lyman advised that the Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee formulate a resolution to go before the Legislature.

**Vote:** **All in favor. Motion carried.** The motion will be reviewed by the Health and Human Services Committee.

**E-911 (presented by Director Allen)**

**5. Report on Proposed Statewide Radio System**

Emergency Management Director Egan and E-911 Director Mike Allen attended a summit regarding the proposed statewide radio system. Director Allen informed the committee of the different levels of county participation. At Level 2, Oswego County retains all infrastructures, and at Level 3, the State takes over and maintains the

infrastructures. One of the benefits of the statewide radio system is the access to other state agencies. As the State only requires 95% coverage and Oswego County is already at 97%, the statewide system will, most likely, not improve coverage. If the State takes over the infrastructures, there may be concessions on the part of Oswego County (i.e. giving up the 800 frequencies licensed by the County). The Sheriff expressed concern over losing some of the radio channels if the State takes over the towers. The State Sheriffs Association (per the Sheriff), as well as Fire Coordinator Hinds, has no position on this proposal until more information is received. The proposed statewide radio system is at least four years away, no matter which path Oswego County takes. Director Allen will keep the Committee apprised of this proposal and will approach the Committee as to which direction the County should take when all the information is received.

**Next Meeting:** August 28, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. at the Oswego County Building.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion to Adjourn:** 2:26 p.m.  
**Made by:** Legislator Santore  
**Seconded by:** Legislator Gearsbeck  
**Vote:** **All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Prepared by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Breen, Administrative Secretary

**Reviewed by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara A. Schuler, Probation Director

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Reuel A. Todd, Sheriff

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Michael Allen, E-911

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Patricia Egan, Emergency Management Director

**Accepted as Written:**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**